

WHERE THE WILD TURKEY CALLS—THE REAL THANKSGIVING BIRD



THIS is the week of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving day is an American custom started by the Pilgrims who landed on the new continent and faced hardships which few can realize who are reared in the wealth and luxury of the land to-

The season had been a hard one. Many had died and the prospect of starvation during the cold winter with its ice and snow loomed large. So, when the harvest yielded enough to keep them until another season would produce the necessities of life, they net that last Thursday in November in year 1621, and gave thanks to their God, who had remembered them.

Thankfulness is usually in inverse ratio to the value of the thing for which we give thanks. This is no disparagement of the things we are grateful for; but humanity does not think of thanks until it has felt the terrors of distress

The rich who live in luxury and case do not thank with their hearts. Their thanks are but formal expressions of meaningless words. How can words mean anything when one has not felt the things which make for thankful-

But the poverty-stricken who have faced starvation pour out thanks from their humble hearts for the things that have saved their lives.

Those who live in gorgeous homes with comfortable fireplaces do not think of thanks. But those who live in the little hovel with big cracks in the walls and crevices about the doors and windows and without fuel, give thanks for the comfort of fire.

We do not prize health until we have lost it, and we do not appreciate life until we have faced the danger of having to give it up.

That which we have we are likely to accept as a matter of course; but be deprived of it and the sudden realization of its value jars our souls like an earthquake.

We are thankful in the full sense of the word for things necessary to life and happiness only when we have had to do without them.

We are not thankful for that to which we are accustomed and accept thoughtiessly. But when we are deprived of the necessities of life and face the hardships, including death. that come as a result, we are thankful

America has more to be thankful for yearly, than any other nation in the world: but our thanks are tempered by the gravity of the sorrow of our neighbors.

The year has not been one of great happiness, peace and prosperity. It is a year of travail for humanity-the travail of a people being born again. But out of it will come a disciplined and sober people; a people who will know the realities of life better.

We will learn that life is a serious matter, and no silly, simpering affair, The war has brought us again to an understanding of the terrible earnestness of the thing we call life.

ave earthquakes and volcanic erup-

Humanity, too, is in process, and trife and sorrow and death will continue to be its lot. We must face life resolutely and meet destiny undis-

This year we will not be thankful so much for the blessings we have received, for the things that have been given to us-for being pampered by a prodigal Providence—and being reeved of our burdens, as we will be thankful for the strength to bear them. In the shrine of our hearts our deepest prayer is not that we shall be relieved of our burdens; but that we shall be given the strength to bear them, for we are great in the degree and the manner in which we face our tasks and perform them. The Great Souls are those that have suffered

and endured. Our Thanksgiving this year will be no perfunctory, infantile prattle because of satiety.

This is a year of reckoning with fate; of being thankful if we, ourselves, have not fallen in the wreckage. We are thankful not for what has happened; but for what has not happened.

Life is not a trivial pastime. It is destiny takes, and let us be thankful. not for less of life, but for more of it, and the courage, the fortitude, the strength, and the persistence to meet ered in the temple in great procesits difficulties and continue its course | sions, holding paims, and in the streets undaunted by disaster and unspoiled by success.

We are thankful for Character, not charlty, and for Iron wills that have not been broken by the inevitable!-From the Sunday Magazine.

Thanksgiving Fable.

An aged Turkey, once upon a time had occasion to read the Riot act to a

Swoop down upon Us without Warn- tions which observe, though possibly ing and give it to our Family in the in a modified degree, the ancient cus-Neck."

"Oh, go to!" exclaimed the Young Glutton. "You think because Old Age has made you Gouty and rendered you Unable to Partake of the Good things of Life that you can Stuff me. I'm Dead Next. See?"

"Very well," answered the Grand-"Keep right on getting Obese sire. and you will be Dead Next for keeps; then You'll see who does the Stuffing." And the late November returns showed that the Old Turk knew

Whereof he Spoke. Moral-If you would Live Long and Prosper, Don't get Gay.

Is an Old Institution. Despite popular opinion to the contrary, Thanksgiving day as an institution is not peculiarly American. For history shows that all ancient nabig gathering and a harvest feast soon followed his lead, years before the white man ever set foot on the shores of the new world.

By the Greeks and Romans the festival days in honor of the goddess of agriculture were times of rustic sport, of processions through the fields and the decorating of the home with fruits and flowers. The people of Egypt enjoyed a time of feasting after gathering in their harvests and laid the fruits of the year on the altar of the Goddess Isls.

The Thankful Spirit,

Cultivate the thankful spirit. It will be to thee a perpetual feast, There is, or ought to be, with us no such thing as small mercies; all are great, because the least are undeserved. Indeed, a really thankful heart will extract motive for gratitude from everything .- J. R. Macduff.

Christ's standards are good for two

THANKSGIVING DAY

That we're at peace with all the world Safe in our cities and our homes, That unto this, our favored land, Such gift, with all its blessings, comes, That men go not to war and death, That women do not fearful brood By anxious hearths for dear ones gone, We thank Thee, Giver of all good.

That no ambitious strife is ours, That lust of conquest does not thrill This miglay nation's inmost heart, That we abhor to burn and kill That weaker nations we protect.

Fight but to make their wronging cease. And only comes to make them free, That in the stress around us now,

We feel our hearts with pity throb.

To hush the child and woman's sob. That we are eager still to share The goods that heap our stores again, With those who have but us to help.

And haste to heal the wounded man

We thank Thee, Father of all men! *****************

Feast of the Tabernacles.

The feast of the tabernacles in the Old Testament times was also a hardeadly earnest. It is the course that vest celebration and took place on the seventh day of the month, which corresponds to our November, sometimes lasting for a whole week. They gathwere booths decorated with the flowers and fruits of autumn.

Among the Indians of America the custom of having a Thanksgiving feast was practically universal-at least among those who had any amount of planting. As corn was the main article grown, their dances and feasting were generally in honor of the harvesting of that food. The writers of several hundred years ago who first Grandson because the latter was a studied the Indian on his native heath all speak of these festivals and the "It Behooves you to Fast for a few elaborate ceremonial with which they weeks," said the Wise Old Bird, "for were attended. While most of the Thanksgiving draweth apace-that tribes have vanished as such, there are season when long-legged Bipeds still some left on government reservatom of their race.

One of Most Ancient Customs.

The Dutch colonists held "thank days" every year from 1690 until 1710, and the English, upon gaining authority there, followed their example. The English harvest home was familiar to them, and they carried out the American feast day much as they had in the old days on the island. This event there was and still is purely a rural one, and is the sole day in the year when the vast estates of the British gentry are thrown open to the whole countryside. There is a barn dance at night, sports on the greensward as the sun sets, just as there was a thousand years ago among the Saxons; and there is, of course, quite a wonderful dinner. It was in 1830 that the govtions used to celebrate some feast of a ernor of New York chose u day of thanksgiving nature, while most of the thanksgiving for yearly observance, tribes of our American Indians had a and several other northern governors

> A Helping Hand. One doesn't need to be rich or famous to reach out a helping hand to someone who needs it. A good example is a great work-the greatest work a woman can do-and it doesn't require the spending of a one-cent piece. Example is contagious. We can begin a very sweet work if we will-a work that will do more good than we would ever dream about.

Then let us put aside petty repinings and complainings, sit down quietly Thanksgiving day and count up our blessings, and let us be truly grateful for them. We probably know someone struggling on alone. If we are able to do so, why not bring a little practical cheer into her life Thanksgiving day? If we do the holiday will fly away with golden wings and next morning we'll know what it is to be thankful

Douglas Malloch worst grouch in Home-Perhaps it was enough to make a man grouchy, to have had parents with no more originality than to name "April" because April happened to be the

which he was born. Especial-

pleasant as the breaking up of a hard the choir, he decided that it would be Yet April had acquired funds, if he a talk with their father and mention hadn't made friends. And he had oth. the Thanksgiving services. er riches. Chief among them was month, like her father. She was well ter on the whole service." named, too-for she had roses in her cheeks, and eyes that were twinpatches of blue sky. Nearly everybody preferred her to her sister May. Dan Meeker certainly did-or to any-

whole Jones family. As for Hometown, and the kind of own Hometown was, this is the way gregational service, he roared: lown to the city, and they asked:

one. April, May and June were the

"Hometown is the best little town missionarying me!"

much but builtheads and canoes. He

it more or less of a secret. He give

us a lot of natural advantages, and

quite a bunch of natural lonfers, one

of whom I guess I am which. Face

is, he give us a darned sight more than

we ever give ourselves. Six days he

ain't never had any next week since."

Of course, it wasn't as bad as that,

Dan Meeker, who had been a tent-boy

give us good soll, but we're keepin' to bed.

ich effort to agree. Dan did well as blamed business, whatever it is." clerk in the grocery, but as a stimthree local pastors began to think about their Thanksgiving services. The

As Thanksgiving approached, the turned over the collection. choirs were rehearsed, and certain Thanksgiving sermons were dusted off, looked over and re-written. One day the minister of the Methodist church said to his wife:

"There's April Jones. He has more to be thankful for than any of us, as far as this world's goods go. Wouldn't It be a fine thing to get Ape out to our Thanksgiving meeting?"

His wife immediately said it would

-and she couldn't help wondering if it might not ultimately have some effect on her husband's back salaryy since he had had to go through life at the bank and invited April Jones. was so decent about it that the minister told his wife that April Jones "A darned good name, 'April' or was a misjudged man, The Baptist Ape," said Harry Dee time and again. pastor saw them through the bank "If it's 'Ape,' he's as cociable as a window and, as May taught in the Bapgorilla. And, if it's 'April,' he's as tist Sunday school and June sang in

"The absence of our leading citizen," June, a daughter, named for her birth- said the pastor, "would throw cold wa-

no more than right to drop in and have

"Well, a little cold water ain't going to burt a Baptist, is it?" asked April with something that approached a chuckle. And, not quite so pleasantly he said he would see. April Jones was a suspicious per-

him if he wouldn't come to the Con "What are you fellows up to? ain't no beathen, that you have to start

son; and that night when Dan asked

the Lord ever made, but there ain't It took a little time to convince him anybody else ever worked at it much. that there was no conspiracy of cordi- "That's the first thing we tackle. But

OUR Father, from thee come all good and perfect gifts.

supply all our needs according to thy riches in glory by

Christ Jesus. We thank thee for the numberless mercies of

life. Friends, health, food, shelter-all are received from

thee. Accept our song of thanksgiving which rises from

deeply thankful hearts. May the renewed memories of the

Thanksgiving season lead us to give our lives to thee with

a richer sense of consecration than we have hitherto known.

Not alone content to speak our thanks on this one day, may

prayer and song and life proclaim our gratitude every day

"I tell you what I'm going to do: 1

invitations," he said, while the Congre-

the Methodist and Bantist looked at

each other, "but I can't be in no three

big, bang-up Thanksgiving service and

That is how the famous town

Thanksgiving in Hometown came

about. Before they got through April

Jones was made chairman of the com-

mittee of arrangements, and Dan Meek-

er was called over from the grocery

and made secretary. It was agreed that

the Methodist minister was to open

should offer prayer, and that the Con-

sermon, with the Methodist to pro-

night," suggested Dan, "and practice

So one idea suggested another, and

town had been invited, and had agreed

No one in Hometown will forget that

meet him at the bank

invite the whole town!"

nounce the benediction.

each other's hymns!"

to come.

of the swiftly passing year. Amen.

give us a high hill to shut off the ain't going to any of 'em, and I'm go-

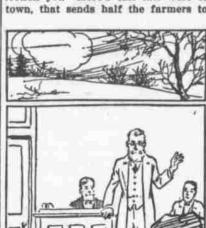
labored and made Hometown; and it gationalist looked at him mystified, and

Each day we pray for "daily bread," and thou dost

is all he did. It doesn't take Meeker be made secretary of the

to make Dan secretary. They wanted such progress. Likewise he didn't to make April president, but he nake much progress up at the Jones | wouldn't have it. But he would act as place, June smiled, but April stormed. treasurer, so the Methodist minister

'you ain't through with this here collection yet. Here's this hill west of



Spragueville with their produce be ause it's too hard to haul. How many men'il give a day's work with teams to grade her down?"

'Us Folks Have Got a Lot to Be

Thankful For."

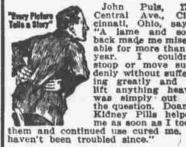
Fifty hands went up in the air like "Good!" said April Jones. bayonets. When he quit, everybody else laid off, ality against him. Suddenly the old we're going to git a power plant at the

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April Jones Said He'd See. with a Chautauqua last summer, came home to realize that Hometown had about the best people in the world in #1 out of use since the sawmill was gone, up for a mile and bred canoes and builheads. The hill west of town wasn't ing the weeds in our little vineyard. a help, but a hindrance. It made too We ought to give thanks for our good hard a haul, and it shut Hometown school. We ought to give thanks for in so that it almost forgot about the world outside. Even Hometown's ad- our river that we ain't never developed vantages were in some ways a disad-

"Three squares a day have come so easy to most of us here," said Dan to thanks! himself, "that we've kind of forgot that there is anything else."

Thanksgiving service in the school auditorium: What singing there was by that chorus of nearly thirty voices, mingling in the best old Methodist and Baptist and Congregational hymns! How the preachers vied with each other in eloquence! And when the Methodist minister took up a col--industrious in their work, honest in just regular for me to speak now, after their dealings and kind to their neigh- these good brothers," said April, "or to bors. But it hadn't any navigable river, | speak at all, but I tell you what we Harry to the contrary notwithstand- are going to do with this money. Us The old mill dam below, long folks here in Hometown have got a but still in existence, backed the river know it. We ought to give thanks for

lot to be thankful for, but we don't these three brothers here, who are pullour good soil, and the good power in

lection, although nobody knew exactly what for, everybody laughed right out. But that was April Jones' turn to speak, "I don't know whether it's yet. But I tell you what I think about Thanksgiving: I think we ought to

"There's a young fellah setting down here that has been secretary of our There never was a town so good committee of arrangements, who has that it couldn't be made better. Dan been gitting off a lot of ideas up at our thought it would be a fine idea to get place about us folks gitting together, up some kind of a community club or and I want to tell you they're sound. something and take up the work where I move you that we go into commitoff. Harry Doe agreed with him, but that, after we git organized, that Dan us from within.-Charles Dickens.

He give us a navigable river, but it | fellow got up, raised one finger at | old dam, and we're going to pay off the nin't never been navigated by anything arm's length above his head, and said: mortgage on the Methodist church, and do a few more things. And, as for the mortgage, put me down, Mr. Secretary, for two hundred for a starter." There isn't any mortgage on the Cen-

west wind, but there's some of us that ing to 'em all!" And with this paraain't been to the top of it yet. He doxical pronouncement he stomped off tral M. E. church at Hometown, and there is a power plant at the dam, and Next morning April Jones sent the Dan Meeker is working in the bank, cashler to ask the three clergymen to No. April hasn't taken him into partnership. "I'm much obliged to you all for your

But June has. (Copyright, 1916, Western Newspaper Union.) THANKSGIVING FABLE.

places at once. That shows you the It was a hungry pussy cat, upon Thanksruinous effect of competition. Now, giving morn, And she watched a thankful little mouse I'm going to suggest this: Let's open that ate an ear of corn up the school auditorium and have one

'If I ate that thankful little mouse, how thankful he should be When he has made a meal himself, t make a meal for me Then with his thanks for having fed, and his thanks for feeding me, With all his thankfulness inside, ho

Thus mused the hungry pussy cat, upor Thanksgiving day; But the little mouse had overheard and declined (with thanks) to stay. -Oliver Herford.

the meeting, that the Baptist pastor First Thanksgiving Proclamation. gregational brother should preach the It was in 1789, on the 3d day of October, in New York, that George Washington as the first president of the "And we'll have three choirs get to-United States issued the first national proclamation for Thanksgiving day. gether up at June's house tomorrow

In the South it was not until 1855 that the day was recognized. Governor Johns of Virginia in that year sent a message to the legislature asking legbefore Thursday arrived the whole islative acknowledgment of the day, so that he might the more properly publish a proclamation. The advice given him was negative, "because the proposed holiday had origin in Puritanic

> bigotry.' Nevertheless, there was a difference of opinion, and two years later, the next governor of Virginia issued a Thanksgiving proclamation, without asking advice. Eight southern states began to keep the day the ensuing year, and did so in a manner of great hospitality, up to the time the Civil war broke out.

Thankfulness. "What are you thankful fur today?" asked Plodding Pete.

"Well, if I had riches," replied Meandering Mike, "I s'pose I'd be worrying about me taxes. Maybe I ought to be thankful I ain't got nothin' much to be thankful fur."

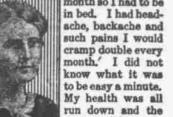
Real Essentials.

After all it matters not how simple the Thanksgiving dinner is if only the food is palatable and well cooked and the welcome is hearty. Did not dear give something more besides giving old Doctor Holmes once say, "The true essentials to a feast are only fun and feed?"

Character.

Strength of character is not mere strength of feeling-it is the resolute restraint of strong feeling. It is unyielding resistance to whatever would Harry Dee claimed creation had left tee of the whole, or something, and disconcert us from without or unsettle

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